

Criteria for Dormant Radiation Programs

- A dormant radiation program may not possess **any** radioactive material (stock vials, samples or waste), nor perform any radioactive material manipulations during the dormancy period.
- Discovery of unauthorized use of radioactive materials in a dormant program may result in closure of that program.
- Before approving dormancy for any radiation program, a member of the Radiation Safety staff will conduct an inspection of the program area to verify removal of all waste containers and sample vials.
- A radiation program is not considered formally dormant until a confirmatory approval from Radiation Safety is received.
- The program must provide a copy of the non-use certification to Radiation Safety during each month of the program's dormancy. Failure to do so may result in closure of the radiation program. Two violations of the certificate requirement may be grounds for closure.
- All regular program requirements except monthly surveys must still be met, including training, dosimetry, program renewals and audits. Monthly non-use certificates will replace monthly contamination surveys in laboratory records.
- Survey meters must be maintained in usable condition.
- Dormant radiation programs must request formal approval from the Radiation Safety Office to return to active status and receive radioactive material.